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## Press Release

# NPS Professor Awarded NASA Distinguished Service Medal

Dr. Rudolph Panholzer, Professor, Naval Postgraduate School, and Chairman, Space Systems Group, has been awarded the NASA Distinguished Service Medal for many years of distinguished service to NASA and the Nation's space program. The medal is the highest honor that NASA confers on a non-governmental individual.

Dr. Panholzer distinguished himself by furthering NASA's mission of inspiring the next generation of explorers through graduate education. Personally championing cooperation between NASA and Naval Postgraduate School, he has initiated several programs, including the development of the PANSAT satellite.

In 1995, he established the NASA chair position at NPS. His leadership and cooperative programs with several NASA centers have resulted in hundreds of students working on thesis topics that involve NASA programs. Even before "jointness" and "interoperability" became popular, Dr. Panholzer has been a leader in cooperating with NASA realizing the mutual benefits of a strong NASA-NPS relationship.

Dr. Panholzer has held several key positions at Naval Postgraduate School, such as Dean, Graduate School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. He was an Assistant and Associate Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Stanford University from 1957 to 1963, and was also the Chief Scientist for Cintra Inc. from 1969 to 1971.

He is the senior member of American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, and a member of American Astronautical Society and American Society for Engineering Education. Dr. Panholzer has also served on Space Systems Technical Committee of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics.

